

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : ATTN: BOX MISSING PARTS
Seigo MURAKAMI et al. : Docket No. 2001-1478A
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CLEANING MEMBER, CYLINDRICAL
CLEANING ELEMENT OF CLEANING
MEMBER, METHODS FOR PRODUCING
CLEANING MEMBER AND CYLINDRICAL
CLEANING ELEMENT, AND TOOL FOR
ENLARGING DIAMETER OF CYLINDRICAL
CLEANING ELEMENT



PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A cylindrical cleaning element having an axial through-hole formed therein, so as to hold a rotary shaft in the through-hole with a press-fit, the cylindrical cleaning element being capable of being in either a wet state or a dry state, wherein the through-hole of the cylindrical cleaning element in a wet state has a diameter smaller than a shaft diameter of the rotary shaft and capable of being enlarged, and the cylindrical cleaning element in a dry state is capable of being set in a form such that the through-hole is enlarged.